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Harmon C. McAllister
Research Director
The Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A., Inc.
900 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Dr. ^{Harmon}McAllister:

For each of the past six years, the University of Virginia Cancer Center has sponsored a Fall Symposium on a topic in basic cancer research. Past topics have included: *Molecular Biology of Human Cancer; Protein Phosphorylation; The Ras Superfamily; Viruses, Oncogenes and Cancer; Gene Regulation; and Signal Transduction*. We wish to thank you again for your financial contribution of last year that helped make the 1991 meeting a great success. For this coming fall, we are organizing a symposium on *Molecular Signalling and Cell Structure*. Understanding the molecular and structural basis for the transmission of regulatory information from membrane to nucleus is among the central contemporary issues in molecular oncology and cell biology, and this symposium should help to coalesce emerging ideas on the topic. 8-9-92

Participants include Thomas Pollard (¹⁻⁸⁷*Johns Hopkins*), Thomas Stossel (*Brigham and Women's Hospital*), Timothy Springer (*Rockefeller University*), Thomas Leto (*NIH*), Colin Hopkins (*MRC, England*), and Inder Verma (*Salk Institute*).

The topics to be discussed range from studies on cell structure and growth factor receptors to the analysis of gene expression. We feel that this conference is particularly timely and will help to focus on new ideas regarding cell-cell interactions, cell structure and cell signalling. Given the multi-disciplinary nature of the topic and the outstanding quality of the scientific participants, we expect this symposium to be a major event in this rapidly developing field.

We are writing to ask your financial support for this symposium. Funds will be used to partially offset the costs of travel and local expenses of the speakers. We would, of course acknowledge your contributions in the program and in any advertisements for the Symposium which are prepared subsequent to receiving a commitment from you. In addition, if The Council for Tobacco Research scientists wish to attend the Symposium and engage in discussions with the participants or if sales representatives from The Council for Tobacco Research would like to set up a display at the Symposium, they would be made most welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you, and to your support for a stimulating meeting.

Sincerely,

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